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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. SENATOR GOLDWATER'S REQUEST ON NIXON "PROMISE"
(CONFIDENTIAL)

SENATOR GOLDWATER HAS WRITTEN THE SECRETARY REQUESTING
CONFIRMATION THAT A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WAS THE
SOURCE OF THE APRIL 29 WASHINGTON POST STORY ON THE NIXON
"PROMISE" TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE PRC DURING HIS
SECOND TERM. THE SENATOR ALSO SEEKS AFFIRMATION OR DENIAL
OF THE CONTENTS OF THE STORY. WE ARE HOLDING UP A REPLY
PENDING L'S CONSIDERATION OF THE EARLIER REQUEST BY
SENATOR SPARKMAN FOR A COPY OF THE ALLEGED MEMCON ON THIS
SUBJECT. WE HAVE TELEPHONED INTERIM REPLIES TO BOTH
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SENATORS.

2. PRM 24 (SECRET)

BILL GLEYSTEN WILL CHAIR ON TUESDAY AN INTERAGENCY MEETING
TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT OF PRM 24 PART I. A FIRST UNIFIED
DRAFT OF PART III SHOULD BE CIRCULATED BY TOMORROW.

3. AMBASSADOR GATES (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO FINAL CONFIRMATION, WE EXPECT
AMBASSADOR GATES TO BE IN WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF MAY 23.

4. TIBET (SECRET)

THE ACTING SECRETARY APPROVED ALL FIVE OF OUR RECOMMENDA-
TIONS ON TIBET AND THE RECOMMENDED PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE
TO THE DALAI LAMA'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE WAS FORWARDED
TO THE WHITE HOUSE. WE ARE NOW WORKING OUT THE IMPE-
MENTATION OF THE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. HUANG CHEN'S DINNER FOR THE SECRETARY (LIMITED
OFFICIAL USE)

AMBASSADOR HUANG CHEN HAS DECIDED ON JUNE 8 AS THE DATE
FOR HIS DINNER HONORING THE SECRETARY, YOU AND OTHER
RANKING DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. WE ARE NOTIFYING THE
INVITEES, WITH PRCLO'S FORMAL INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW.

6. THE WHITE HAIRED GIRL (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

DICK HART, ALONG WITH GEORGE BEASLEY OF CU AND JAN BERRIS
OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE, WILL BE IN OTTAWA THIS WEEKEND
TO VIEW THE PRC PRODUCTION OF THE WHITE HAIRED GIRL. THE
PRC AND THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED TO
A PRC CULTURAL PRESENTATION AS PART OF THE 1978 EXCHANGE
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PACKAGE AND THE WHITE HAIRED GIRL HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONED AS ONE POSSIBILITY.

7. PRCLO COMMERCIAL SECTION CHANGES (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE HAVE APPROVED ISSUING A VISA TO P'ENG CH'IN-PO, 57,
WHO IS APPARENTLY SLATED TO TAKE OVER PRCLO'S COMMERCIAL
SECTION. P'ENG IS PRESENTLY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE'S THIRD BUREAU, WHICH HANDLES
PRC TRADE WITH THE US. THE MAN P'ENG REPLACES, CHANG
TSIEN-HUA, HAS BEEN COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR SINCE PRCLO
OPENED IN 1973. CHANG IS DUE TO DEPART IN LATE JUNE.
ANOTHER COMMERCIAL OFFICER RETURNING TO PEKING IS SECOND
SECRETARY T'UNG CHIH-KUANG, WHOSE AFFABILITY, COMMAND OF
ENGLISH, AND NON-PROLETARIAN HABITS (E.G., GIN AND
TONICS) MADE HIM POPULAR WITH THE AMERICAN BUSINESS
COMMUNITY.
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